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WEEKLY RECAP

Tax Reform On Thursday, the House passed H.R.1, *The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act*, by a vote of 227 to 205. The Senate Finance Committee also passed their version of the tax package late Thursday night, clearing the way for the full Senate to consider the bill after Thanksgiving.

Nominations Following his November 9th Confirmation by the U.S. Senate, Bill Wehrum was sworn in as Assistant Administrator for the office of Air and Radiation on Monday.

Energy and Commerce The House Energy and Commerce, Environment subcommittee held a hearing on "Response and Recovery to Environmental Concerns from the 2017 Hurricane Season." Regional Administrators Pete Lopez, Trey Glenn and Sam Coleman testified.

Hearings On Tuesday, November 14th, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety held a subcommittee hearing entitled, "Legislative Hearing on S. 1857, S. 203, S. 839 and S. 1934."

On Wednesday, November 15th, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held a full committee hearing entitled, "Promoting American Leadership in Reducing Air Emissions Through Innovation."

Meetings Administrator Pruitt met with Reps Bob Goodlatte, Peter Welch, Steve Womack, and Jim Costa on Tuesday, November, 14th.

Administrator Pruitt met with House Republican Conference Chairwoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers on Thursday, November 16th.

Administrator Pruitt met with the Mayor of Pascagoula, Mississippi, the location of MS Phosphates Superfund Site November 13th.

Administrator Pruitt met with General Paxton (TX) November 15th.

EPA officials briefed the members of the House Appropriations, Interior-Environment subcommittee on Hurricane response on Tuesday, November 14th.

EPA officials briefed the house Space, Science, and Technology committee on IRIS RFCs.

R3 RA Cosmo Servidio met with Senators Manchin and Capito.

OCIR met with the Mayor of Louisville, KY to discuss a consent decree and the consolidation of Metro Sewer and Louisville Water on November 15th.

Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) and Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS) Membership folders for OPA/OGC/ODACMO review are forthcoming- charter has been forwarded for upper management review.

EPA officials met with the mayor of Flint, Michigan, Karen Weaver, to discuss for an update regarding water quality issues.

LOOK-A-HEAD

Nov. 20 The House and Senate are in recess for the Thanksgiving Holiday. They will return to session the week of the 27th.

Nov. 28-29 The New York Attorney General, Connecticut and West Virginia DEQs have confirmed their attendance at the CPP Repeal Hearing.

STORIES OF INTEREST

CONGRESS:

- House Republicans pass tax reform bill; Senate draft advances [Link](#)
- Pruitt to testify on EPA agenda at House, Senate hearings [Link](#)
- Texas senator confirms hold on Northey nomination to federal ag post [Link](#)
- Congress will likely need 'more time' for deal — Ryan [Link](#)
- Democrats Are Shockingly Unprepared to Fight Climate Change [Link](#)
- Top lawmakers vie for E&C subcommittee gavel [Link](#)
- House passes evidence-based policy bill [Link](#)
- The media's tactics to silence science at Trump's EPA [Link](#)
- House passes 'revolutionary' (Flood) reform bill [Link](#)

STATE/ LOCAL

- Gov. Snyder appoints new supreme court justice following Trump justice resignation [Link](#)
- Keystone pipeline leak days before Nebraska expansion ruling [Link](#)
- Gov. Haslam appointed Chair, Gov. Ricketts appointed Vice Chair of RGA [Link](#)